

# WEBBER HATED GAMBLER ROSENTHAL, BECKER WITNESS SWEARS ON STAND

## MORGAN, PERKINS AND GOULD MADE TO LOOK LIKE 'PIKERS' BY RYAN IN 1904 CAMPAIGN

**He Gave \$450,000 That Year; Not for Parker, but to Preserve Democratic Party. PROTEST BY PERKINS. Banker Who Calls Himself a "Retired Workingman" Hits at Penrose and Hilles.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Thomas Fortune Ryan and George W. Perkins today disclosed to the Clapp Committee how they looked their purses in political campaigns. Mr. Ryan admitted giving \$450,000 to the Democrats in 1904 and said that he gave between \$70,000 and \$80,000 this year to Gov. Harmon's war chest, and \$35,000 to Representative Underwood's campaign. Ryan's testimony was remarkable in that he said he was against Judge Parker in 1904 and yet gave \$100,000 to the campaign and \$200,000 more at its close, paying up every debt of the party, "to keep it from disintegration."

Mr. Perkins, who described himself as a "retired workingman," denounced as an "unmitigated falsehood" the charge that he had underwritten the Roosevelt pre-convention campaign this year in the sum of \$3,000,000. He testified that his total contributions were \$125,000.

Rising from the witness chair before the Clapp committee, and shaking a clenched fist, Mr. Perkins shouted: "Among the long list of unmitigated lies throughout this campaign, that statement ought to be placed at the top, because it is the largest."

Perkins also denied that either the Steel or Harvester Trusts were backing Roosevelt. He branded such statements as "lies—made out of whole cloth." He demanded that Chairman Hilles of the Republican National Committee be called before the committee to produce proof to substantiate such charges.

## THIEVES RIP OPEN CELTIC PARK SAFE, GET \$3,140 LOOT

**Burglars Poison Dogs Last Night and Carry Off Sunday's Receipts. POLICE FIND NO CLUE. Mysterious Message About Fire Sent Yesterday to Lure President Conway Away.**

Burglars broke into the storeroom of the pavilion in Celtic Park, Long Island City, last night, stole \$3,140 in cash and Tom Lynch's gold watch and chain and diamond pin, poisoned three valiant watchdogs and were far away with their booty before the crime was discovered. Of the stolen money \$2,140 belonged to the Irish-American Athletic Club and \$1,000 was the property of Tom Lynch, the manager of the park.

Yesterday was the occasion of the annual fall games of the Irish-American Athletic Club at Celtic Park, which is the playground of the organization. More than 6,000 enthusiasts in athletics attended the meet and the receipts at the gate totaled \$1,200.

While on the athletic field yesterday afternoon Mr. Conway was approached by one of the park attaches with the information that his home in New York was on fire. The information had been transmitted over the telephone by a man who did not give his name. "Tell Mr. Conway that his house is on fire and burning up and that he should come home at once," said the voice over the telephone.

Called home and found the story was untrue. Instead of starting right across for Manhattan Mr. Conway called up his home on the telephone. The members of his family were greatly surprised when he told them the alarming message he had received. There had been no sign of a fire in Mr. Conway's neighborhood. Having a great many matters to attend to during the afternoon and evening, Mr. Conway dismissed the incident from his mind. Before leaving the park he saw the \$1,200 gate receipts turned over to Manager Lynch. At midnight Lynch placed in the safe in addition to the \$1,300 and his own \$1,000 the sum of \$840, known as the "bank," which represented the cash working basis of the operations of the bar and restaurant.

## Perkins, Retired Workingman; He's the First of This Class, And Worth a Measly \$10,000,000

**At 15 He Was an Office Boy and Worked His Way Up in Finance.**

George W. Perkins in 1877, when fifteen years old, was an office boy in his father's office, and at the age of thirty-nine became the partner of J. Pierpont Morgan. He has accumulated a fortune estimated at the very lowest at ten millions of dollars.

Perkins was born in Chicago on Jan. 31, 1862. There he received his education and early business training. When fifteen he gave up school and entered business.

After two years' service as office boy he was promoted to the position of assistant bookkeeper in the Cleveland office of the New York Life Insurance Company. In 1888 he was made cashier of that office. His promotion after that was rapid until in 1902 he was elected third vice-president of the company. In 1908 he became second vice-president. In that year he became a partner in the Morgan banking house.

Since Perkins became identified with Morgan he has been the central figure in this country's finance. He has played an important part in all of the great enterprises engineered by Morgan and has been involved in many international schemes. Perkins was one of the agents appointed and sent abroad to negotiate the Russian war loan. He was an important witness in the investigations of the Ship Building Trust and the Insurance companies.

## MOTIVE FOR MURDER PUT UP TO WEBBER BY WITNESS FOR BECKER

**Police Lieut. Duggan Testifies That Gambler Blamed Slain Man for an Assault Upon Him by East Side Gangsters.**

**THREE BECKER RAIDERS MIXED UP ON THE STAND**

Shepherd, White and Steinert Are Forced by Prosecutor to Admit Serious Inaccuracies in Affidavits.

Direct testimony that "Bridge" Webber and Harry Vallon—State's witnesses, before Justice Goff in extraordinary term of the Supreme Court, against Lieut. Charles Becker and co-defendants charged with the murder of Herman Rosenthal—had cause to hate the slain gambler was offered this afternoon. The testimony was given by Detective Lieut. William W. Duggan.

The detective swore to conversations with Webber in which the gambling proprietor had charged Herman Rosenthal with inciting gangsters to rob Vallon's place and to assault Webber.